

Berlin Denies Germans Arm For New War

Lefevre's Charges Ridiculed by Official, Who Insists Nation Steadily Is Getting Rid of Its Weapons

Allies Watch Factories Impossible to Execute Alleged Program Without Detection, He Declares

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BERLIN, Dec. 25.—Charges made by André Lefevre, retiring French Minister of War, that Germany was arming herself for a new attack upon France and the Allies, were ridiculed by officials at the German Foreign Office today. One of the highest government officials, discussing the Frenchman's statements, said that instead of arming Germany was steadily disarming. He asserted that all the German heavy artillery, with the exception of a few coast defense guns, already had been delivered to the Allies in accordance with the Treaty of Versailles.

"The note which we sent this week to the Entente," said this official, "shows that we already have delivered to the Allies 791 cannon and mine throwers, 5,133 machine guns and 1,375,730 rifles and pistols. Moreover, under the law of August 7, 8,404 machine guns have been surrendered to the government by citizens, and the greater part of these have been destroyed. The same is true of the 801,633 rifles reported to the government authorities."

"Germany could not rearm herself without extensive operations of armament factories, and none of these are in operation beyond the limits set by the Treaty of Versailles. The Entente's military commissions are constantly scouring the country, making inspections of all factories, and it would be utterly impossible to manufacture arms without detection."

"It is a noteworthy fact that the annual report of the Krupp factories at Essen, which has just been issued, says that for the first time in two generations not a single instrument has been made in the Krupp works in the last year."

"Germany has other things to do now than to pursue military plans." A German, who has been holding an important post in the industrial world of Upper Silesia, told The Tribune correspondent today that the outlook for a peaceful plebiscite in that region was very bad. He said the danger was that the Poles were trying to prevent re-sentimented Germans from returning to their old homes to vote, as they are permitted to do under the terms of the plebiscite. He charged that among other things the Poles planned to block railroad traffic by force to prevent the arrival of the incoming German voters.

This man reiterated the charges that have been made that the Allied Commission in Silesia was aiding the Poles. He charged that permits to bear arms were being granted freely to Polish residents, but that no permits were being issued to Germans, not even to German members of the police force. These latter were compelled to go unarmed, he said.

Two New Jersey Women Are Drowned in Florida
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Henry Kramer and her sister-in-law, Miss Emily Kramer, of New Brunswick, N. J., were drowned here today when their automobile ran off a bridge and dropped into fifteen feet of water. Mr. Kramer, who is sixty-five years old, was rescued, but was said to be in a serious condition at a hospital tonight.

Excited Deputy Tells French Chamber of Royalist Plot

Berthon Quotes Report Duke of Orleans Is in Belgium Ready for Coup de Force and Dash to Throne

By Ralph Courtney
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PARIS, Dec. 25.—The Socialist Deputy André Berthon is trying to excite France about an alleged royalist plot which he considers dangerous to the republic. He cites the Action Française, the French royalist organ, as saying:

"The Duke of Orleans, who during the whole war lived in England, has now gone to Belgium. He is only a few hours' automobile ride from Paris, and he is ready to assume the throne as soon as a coup de force makes his return possible. This coup de force, which we desire, and for which each day brings money to glorify the event, tends to discredit the leader of the republic party were discovered, according to Berthon."

Berthon says that in 1913 and 1914, in the thorough searches that were made of the houses of some militant royalist leaders, the authorities found what was really a royalist plan of mobilization. Documents concerning notable personages as well as information tending to discredit the leader of the republic party were discovered, according to Berthon.

Address Is Interrupted

When he rose in the Chamber of Deputies to make his revelations, Berthon had great difficulty in being heard. But he had little difficulty in bringing together evidence of a royalist plot in France. The Action Française openly gloried in the existence of such a plot and incidentally lives by it. This newspaper is run by a man of immense potential talent, Leon Daudet. The royalists make much noise, but as long as the affairs of the republic go moderately well, nobody fears serious trouble from royalist quarters.

While Berthon confined himself to royalist talk, he made a good case for a plot against the republic, but his social of royalist deeds was not accepted in the chamber as particularly serious.

"Already in 1908 and 1909," he said,

U. S. Consul to Serbia Held Up at Greek Port

Permisson Refused Him to Pass Through Constantinople on His Way to Belgrade

ATLANTA, Dec. 25.—Kenneth S. Patton, American Consul General to the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, was refused departure by the Piraeus port authorities when he attempted to go to Belgrade via Constantinople. The action was taken on the ground that no visas were being issued for Constantinople or Crete because of Venizelos' troubles. Mr. Patton and his wife were forced to delay the trip a week.

The Greeks are organizing daily festivities in honor of the foreign press correspondents, who are being shown the utmost hospitality.

It is officially declared that the foreign censorship has been raised, except on questions dealing with governmental policies. The nervous atmosphere of the city has apparently disappeared.

Prince George is to have a new residence in the palace now used for Cabinet meetings, as Mme. Manos, wife of the late King Alexander, is occupying his previous home.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The Greek Premier, George Rallis, has decided not to resign his office, according to a dispatch from Athens to the Havas Agency received here today.

Madrid Clerks to Strike

MADRID, Dec. 25.—The store clerks' union today issued a manifesto declaring that in view of the obstinacy of employers in refusing to concede to

Charges Plot To Restore 3 Monarchies

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ducted by the Germans only, the other countries cooperating technically and otherwise in carrying out the plans devised by the Teutons.

The Hungarian government is to supply all needed quantities of grain, cattle, foodstuffs, wine, etc., for the commissariat of the conspirators. The transport of these is to be placed in the hands of private German-Hungarian firms, specially organized for the purpose and controlled by the Central Executive Committee.

The political aims of Germany and Hungary are to be determined immediately and those of the other countries concerned at a later date by the Central Executive Committee.

To prevent the dissolution of good German military bodies now in the process of disbandment and which are to be utilized in the conspiracy, they are to be transported into Hungary under the guise of emigration, which is to be facilitated by a specially formed German-Hungarian society, to be directed by German and Hungarian representatives on the Central Executive Committee.

Plan of Military Operations

With regard to military operations, at least in their initial stages, Colonel Bauer's memorandum provides:

The German troops are to be concentrated in Bavaria, ostensibly as civilians. The first blow is to be struck in Austria. To assist in the Austrian maneuver German troops are to be transported as civilians into that country at the proper moment, with the assistance of the Orzech, the secret Bavarian military organization.

Carinthia, the province recently obtained by Austria by plebiscite from Yugoslavia, is to take care of itself. The monarchist elements there being well organized, Carinthia will also put 5,000 men at the disposal of German officers. These are to be concentrated with German troops at Schemnitz.

The leaders of the Orzech will take care of the Tyrol and Salzburg and will supply all the arms and munitions necessary for the operations in these two Austrian provinces. At a given signal there is to be a night raid on the homes of all Social Democratic leaders in Austria. They are to be arrested and shot. Special attention is to be paid to the President and Cabinet ministers of Austria to prevent their possible escape. The conspirators are to take possession of both ends of the tunnel between the two countries to prevent the cutting off of Carinthia by any possible resistance.

Prussian troops are to occupy Bruck-on-Mur and move together with Hungarian contingents on Vienna immediately upon the entrance of German forces into Austrian territory. Should Czechoslovakia undertake any hostile movements against the conspirators, she is to be attacked by Hungarian troops and by Prussians from Silesia.

In addition a movement for an uprising of Germans inhabiting certain parts of Czechoslovakia is to be carefully prepared. The uprising is to take place simultaneously with the advance of Hungarian and Prussian troops on Czechoslovakia. If necessary, and at the proper moment, the principal political leaders of Czechoslovakia are to be assassinated.

According to the Kerensky charges General Wrangel was an important figure in the conspiracy prior to his recent flight to the Bolsheviks.

The statement published in the Volia

Rossi gives a detailed account of the transactions which took place at meetings of the conspirators. The paper says in part:

"In the atmosphere of political and economic anarchy caused by the war and the peace of Versailles there are being born with equal dexterity plans and combinations of unbelievable madness. These are springing up both on the extreme Left as well as on the extreme Right. What more fantastic can there be than the already accomplished alliance between Mustapha Kemal and Enver Pasha on one side and Lenin and Trotsky on the other? The political and military plan of Colonel Bauer may sound like the product of delirium but it was altogether possible for it to play a no less fatal role in the history of Europe than that fantastic adventure of the Moscow Communists."

Movements of Conspirators

Outlining in detail the movements of the conspirators, the Kerensky organ says:

Colonel Bauer, traveling on a false passport on the name of Dr. Buerger, and Trebitsch-Lincoln (Ignatius Trebitsch-Lincoln, confessed German spy, former member of the British House of Commons) who was arrested after a flight to New York and returned to London, and then deported to Berlin, bearing a passport in the name of Dr. Legot, went from Vienna to Budapest on May 15, accompanied by a confidential woman secretary. On May 16 a conference was held in Budapest, in which the famous Major Proznay took part. Next day another conference was held, in which Ekhardt and Hember (two of the Hungarian conspirators) participated. At this conference Colonel Bauer delivered a long and confidential letter to the General Ludendorff. The general plan for the conspiracy devised by Colonel Bauer was adopted by the conspirators at a meeting on May 26. On June 1 the plan received the approval of Admiral Horthy.

The arrival of General Ludendorff and official representatives from Bavaria was then awaited. A dispatch from Budapest to the Kerensky organ stated that the conference was sent to Major Steffani at Munich. The conference was postponed, however, due to the general elections in Germany scheduled for June 4. Colonel Bauer left Budapest on June 21, bearing with him certain documents. At about the same time there arrived in Budapest a certain Muller, representing the proposed White-Russian government. The conspirators advised the White-Russians to combine with the Bolsheviks against Poland, and a White-Russian delegation was then actually dispatched to Raval with the intention of making its way into Soviet Russia. On June 22 a second memorandum bearing upon military operations and certain negotiations submitted by Bauer was approved.

The secret concentration of German troops, with the assistance of the Orzech, terrorist attempts upon prominent statesmen of the countries formed on the ruins of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, assassination of Social Democrats, all of this was outlined in full detail by Colonel Bauer to his fellow conspirators, who approved it as easily as they did the proposed manufacture of counterfeit money.

Early in July the Bavarians arrived in Budapest, but without Ludendorff. On July 11 they met Horthy at Godod. On July 12 there was another conference, at which action was taken on questions of finance. Colonel Zink, who was given 100,000 kronen, was dispatched to the Crimea for negotiation with Wrangel. General Biskupski was given 1,000,000 kronen and provision was made to finance the manufacture of counterfeit money. An appropriation of 6,000,000 kronen was made to cover expenses of various bureaus.

the intelligence department, etc. Large financial contributions were made to the German and Austrian monarchist organizations.

"On July 24 Biskupski again visited Horthy to thank him and to bid him goodby. On July 26 he left Berlin. Ekhardt (one of the Hungarian group of the conspirators) informed his friends that the French and British representatives at Budapest had demanded from the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Telcki, the expulsion of Colonel Bauer and Lincoln. Telcki replied that he knew nothing of their presence in Hungary."

"Such is the dry and simple statement of the facts. We make the statement in order to expose the network of underground intrigue in which Russian Black Hundreds shake hands with Hungarian night murderers and hold marshals of the German Emperor unite with counterfeiters and international adventurers, in order that they might work together for their particular brand of 'world revolution'."

Dr. Simons Says U. S. Is Germany's Only Hope

Depends on Harding to Establish Peace Basis That Will Revive Economic Life

FRANKFORT, Germany, Dec. 25.—Dr. Walter Simons, the German Foreign Minister, in an article in the Frankfort Zeitung, says that in the night which covers Germany he sees only one ray of light and that "comes from the land of the Stars and Stripes." He expresses the belief that Senator Harding will "not delay the establishment of a peace basis between Germany and America," and thinks that this, more than anything else, would tend to revive the spirit and economic life of the nation.

Although the outlook is dark, the Foreign Minister hopes that through patience and before long "the people that walk in darkness will see a great light."

President Ebert has issued a proclamation of appreciation for the sympathy shown for needy Germans by foreigners, and has especially thanked the Quakers and other American organizations which have been feeding the children and hungry students.

Here Ebert expressed appreciation also for the work done by the charitable organizations of Denmark, Norway, Finland, Holland, Sweden, Switzerland and South America. In conclusion the message says that the German people, had proud and hungry, will not forget what has been done for them.

800,000 in City Will Pay State Income Tax

More than 800,000 income tax blanks and return envelopes for residents, non-residents and partnerships in this city will be mailed to persons who filed first income tax. Of the 800,000 who filed returns, 500,000 paid income taxes ranging from one cent to \$1,000,000. "The bureau has already refunded a total of over \$175,000 to over 15,000 individuals who paid more tax than required," the statement continues. "The intent of the audit is not to try and force additional money from the taxpayer, but to make the examinations in a fair and friendly spirit and to receive the just tax and no more. Persons, who overlooked exemptions and deductions to which they are entitled are having the excess money paid returned to them as rapidly as such returns are reached in the course of audit."

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